clearances have been obtained. Necessary action for obtaining clearances has already been initiated. Necessary funds for taking up the work will be arranged once the requisite clearances are obtained. The work will then be progressed and completed in the coming years, as per the availability of resources.

Cleaning of River Jhelum

†*86. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of ENVIORNMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jhelum, an ancient river of Kashmir is turning into a filthy drain;

(b) whehter it is also a fact that certain schemes had been formulated to clean this river;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir. Surveys and investigations carried out by the Jammu & Kashmir Government revealed that four towns, namely Anantnag, Srinagar, Sopore and Baramulla were polluting river Jhelum.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A proposal at an estimated cost of Rs. 284.42 crores has been forwarded by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir for taking up river pollution abatement works in these four towns under the National River Conservation Plan.

(d) The proposal was examined in the Ministry and certain information and clarifications were sought from the State Government, which are still awaited.

Damage to Foodgrains in FCI Godowns

*87. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of rice, wheat and other food-grains procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the last three years; State-wise;

(b) the quantum of these items damaged in the godowns in those years; State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent the damage to food-grains?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) State-wise procurement of foodgrains made by FCI during the past three years, is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No.9].

†Original notice of the Question received in Hindi.